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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Emergency Planning

REFERENCES: (a) USIB D-7.1/2, 5 June 1959
(b) USIB D-7.1/6, 9 September 1959
(c) PROCIB Memo, 1 December 1959

PURPOSE

To assure the procurement in time of emergency of foreign publications (other than captured documents) adequate for intelligence purposes.

DISCUSSION

1. Foreign publications constitute a major source of intelligence information. While the nature, source and volume of this type of intelligence raw material will be greatly modified under emergency conditions, the need for examining and exploiting it will continue. The importance to the national effort of intelligence derived from this source will be minimized at the outset of nuclear war and will increase during such a war in response to the requirements of intelligence and operational activities as well as those of military government and postwar planning.

2. A mechanism for coordinating requirements received for foreign publications, for initiating action to procure them, and for receiving and distributing them already exists as an integral part of the Central Intelligence Agency Library. The CIA Library receives advice and assistance from the USIB Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications and cooperates closely with the Department of State, which directs overseas publications procurement through the Foreign Service.


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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That at the outbreak of hostilities involving the United States or at such other time as may be determined by the USIB, the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications shall be automatically suspended until such time as the USIB reactivates it.
2. That during such emergency the Central Intelligence Agency shall act as executive agent for those USIB agencies requesting assistance in meeting their needs for foreign publications (other than captured documents), seeking requirements and advice from other agencies as appropriate, and, in consultation with the Department of State, making such bi-lateral arrangements for procurement action as may be required.
3. That the Central Intelligence Agency shall, in consultation with affected agencies, establish such procedures and take such preliminary action as may be essential to the implementation of the preceding recommendation, seeking advice and assistance from the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications.
4. That the departments and agencies concerned with foreign publications include in their emergency planning, to the extent they deem necessary, provision for requesting and receiving foreign publications, and for assigning personnel to the Central Intelligence Agency for this purpose, or, should the local situation permit, directly to the field.
5. That the execution of the above-described procurement activities by the Central Intelligence Agency in time of emergency shall not prejudice the maintenance, by each department and agency, of facilities and activities necessary to meet its needs.

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Chairman, Committee on Procurement
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